



FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

DIVISION OF PLANNING & PERMITTING
Livable Frederick Planning & Design Office

Jan H. Gardner
County Executive

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Historic Preservation Commission
FROM: Amanda Whitmore, Historic Preservation Planner
DATE: August 19, 2021
RE: County Executive Request for 2022 Legislative Considerations

Issue:

Does the Commission have any ideas or suggestions for Frederick County's legislative package for the 2022 General Assembly Session?

Background and Discussion:

County Executive Gardner has reached out to the Historic Preservation Commission seeking ideas and suggestions for Frederick County's legislative package for the 2022 General Assembly Session (Attachment 1). If the Commission is aware of any issues or concerns that could be resolved through state legislation, these suggestions should be provided by September 15, 2021. All suggestions for legislation will be reviewed and considered at a public meeting in October before specific bills are drafted.

Suggestions that the Commission may want to consider submitting include:

- Support increasing or, at the minimum, maintaining current funding levels to the State's historic preservation grant programs. These grant programs are important for preserving and interpreting historic sites throughout the State. However, the amount of grant requests far outweighs the amount of funding available. Typically, Frederick County averages about one awardee per program per year.

The Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program is currently funded at \$600,000 to support capital upgrade projects on certified historic structures state-wide with each applicant able to request up to \$100,000.

The Historic Preservation Non-Capital Research and Survey Grant Program is currently funded at \$300,000 to support architectural and archeological research, survey and documentation, public education, and planning and feasibility projects state-wide with each applicant able to request up to \$75,000. Frederick County recently was a recipient of one of these grants.



FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Jan H. Gardner
County Executive

July 16, 2021

Ms. Amanda Whitmore
Staff Liaison
Historic Preservation Commission
30 North Market Street
Frederick, MD 21701

Re: 2022 Legislative Considerations

Dear Ms. Whitmore:

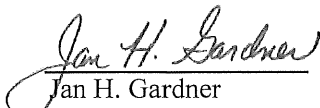
I am writing to seek your ideas and suggestions for Frederick County's legislative package for the 2022 General Assembly Session. If you have issues or concerns that could be resolved through state legislation, please share your suggestions. All suggestions for legislation will be reviewed and considered at a public meeting in October before specific bills are drafted.

I would appreciate hearing your legislative ideas by Wednesday, September 15, 2021. Please send your suggestions to Joy Schaefer, Director of Government Affairs, at JSchaefer@FrederickCountyMD.gov or call 301-600-1621.

If you would like to follow the legislative process and track legislative bill progress through the General Assembly Session, you can check for updates on the county's website at www.frederickcountymd.gov/legislativeaffairs.

Thank you for all you do for Frederick County. I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,


Jan H. Gardner
County Executive

c: Frederick County Delegation
Frederick County Council
Rick Harcum, Chief Administrative Officer
Bryan Black, County Attorney
Joy Schaefer, Government Affairs Director
Ragen L. Cherney, County Council, Chief of Staff & Legislative Director